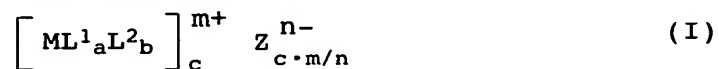


Abstract

5 A process is described for preparing polyoxymethylene by
contacting a formaldehyde source with a catalyst of the formula I



where

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M is a metal of group VIII;

L¹ is a ligand having at least one π -electron pair;

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each L² is independently tetrahydrofuran or a ligand which is
displaceable by tetrahydrofuran;

Z is an anion;

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a is 1 or 2;

b is an integer from 0 to 4;

c is 1 or 2; and

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m and n are integers from 1 to 4.

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